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WILLOW SPRINGS**EPA investigates waste dumping in preserve**

Federal environmental officials said Wednesday that they are conducting a criminal investigation into the dumping of hazardous waste in a forest preserve near southwest suburban Willow Springs.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cited

John Schiavone for the Dec. 28 dumping at the forest preserve.

The EPA said it ordered Schiavone to pay the cost of removal of 22 55-gallon drums from the site last year, as well as the cost of cleaning up the soil.

Twelve of the drums had highly flammable paint wastes.

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**EPA ORDERS LOCAL MAN TO PAY FOR DISPOSAL OF PAINT WASTE DUMPED
AT COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE SITE**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 has ordered a Chicago area man, John Schiavone, to pay for proper disposal of contaminated soils removed by EPA this past December 23 from Cook County Forest Preserve District property.

Under EPA's unilateral administrative order issued February 19, Schiavone is alleged to have dumped, or authorized the dumping, of 22 55 gal. drums of paint waste near Maple Lake boat launch and dock area, in the Cook County Forest Preserve at 9500 South, between Archer Ave. and Wolf Rd., near Willow Springs.

The paint wastes, about half of which include ignitable materials are considered hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which governs the management of hazardous materials from production, through use, and ultimately, environmentally responsible disposal.